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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

REFERENCE: STATE 168598

1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF LINZ AM RHEIN: LINZ WAS
FOUNDED IN 874 AND HAS BEEN SELF-GOVERNING SINCE 1302.
THE TOWN HAS 6,300 INHABITANTS, MOST OF WHOM WORK IN
BONN OR IN THE LOCAL WINE GROWING INDUSTRY. LINZ'S
MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE AND ATTRACTIVE SETTING ON THE
RHINE MAKE IT AN IMPORTANT TOURIST SIGHT. THE CITY
HALL (RATHAUS) WAS BUILT IN 1392 AND IS THE OLDEST STILL
IN USE IN THE STATE OF RHINELAND-PFALZ. IT IS SURROUND-
ED BY PICTURESQUE HALF-TIMBER HOUSES DATING BACK TO THE
16TH CENTURY AND STILL INHABITED. THE REMNANTS OF THE
MEDIEVAL TOWN WALL AND THE TWO TOWN GATES ARE ALSO
COMPLETELY INTACT.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF BINGEN. THIS SMALL RHINE PORT
SERVES A WINE GROWING AREA. THE POPULATION OF 20,000
IS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN WINE GROWING, TOURISM AND WOOD
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PROCESSING. THE CITY WAS ORIGINALLY THE SITE OF A
ROMAN FORTRESS.

3. MAYOR BREITENBACH: HANS BREITENBACH HAS BEEN MAYOR
OF LINZ SINCE 1974. PRIOR TO ASSUMING OFFICE HE HELD A
SERIES OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES IN LINZ. HE HAS BEEN AN
ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (CDU)

SINCE 1961. ALONG WITH HIS POSITION AS MAYOR, MR. BREITENBACH SERVES AS AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF A SAVINGS BANK.

MAYOR BREITENBACH ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF RHINELAND-PFALZ AND GRADUATED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACADEMY (A SCHOOL FOR PROSPECTIVE CIVIL SERVANTS) IN KOBLENZ IN 1954. HE COMPLETED A DEGREE IN ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACADEMY (A SCHOOL FOR PROSPECTIVE CIVIL SERVANTS) IN KOBLENZ IN 1954. HE COMPLETED A DEGREE IN ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC ACADEMY IN KOBLENZ IN 1960.

MAYOR BREITENBACH IS 51 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN MARRIED FOR 22 YEARS. HE HAS A 16 YEAR OLD SON. THE MAYOR SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH THOUGH HIS COMPREHENSION IS GOOD. HE IS AN ACTIVE TENNIS PLAYER AND YACHTSMAN.

MAYOR BREITENBACH VISITED MARIETTA, GEORGIA IN 1976 WITH A GROUP OF 40 FROM LINZ.

4. MRS. BREITENBACH WAS BORN IN THE RHINELAND VILLAGE OF ST. GOARSHAUSEN IN 1931. MRS. BREITENBACH IS A

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HOUSEWIFE AND RELATIVELY INACTIVE IN POLITICS, LIMITING
HER PARTICIPATION TO IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS.
SEPTTEL FOLLOWS REGARDING MRS. BREITENBACH'S SPECIAL
INTERESTS AND KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH.

5. REMARKS IN LINZ. WE PROPOSE THAT MRS. CARTER SPEAK
FOR LESS THAN A MINUTE IN RESPONSE TO WELCOMING REMARKS
-- OF ABOUT THREE MINUTES -- BY MAYOR BREITENBACH AT THE
SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE LINZ CITY HALL. THE FOLLOWING
REMARKS HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY TAYOR-HEINEBECK AND
SULLIVAN OF WH ADVANCE. BEGIN TEXT: MAYOR BREITENBACH
(NAMES OF SEVERAL DIGNITARIES TO BE ADDED) LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME AND THE
GENEROUS HOSPITALITY YOU HAVE SHOWN US TODAY. I AM
HAPPY TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT YOUR CHARMING
CITY. DESPITE MY BRIEF STAY I CAN APPRECIATE FULLY WHY
IT IS CALLED THE "COLORFUL CITY ON THE RHINE."

I BRING GREETINGS FROM THE CITIZENS OF MARIETTA,
TWO OF WHOM (HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENTS WHO WILL
HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED) ARE HERE WITH US. (MAYOR
BREITENBACH WILL HAVE SPOKEN OF THE SISTER-CITY
RELATIONSHIP IN HIS WELCOMING REMARKS.) THE CLOSE
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TIES BETWEEN LINZ AND MARIETTA ARE AN IMPORTANT
SYMBOL OF THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
I HOPE THAT OUR VISIT HERE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE
FURTHERING OF THIS RELATIONSHIP. THANK YOU. END TEXT.

6. CONTINGENCY Q AND A FOR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
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